Mr. Speaker, I

strongly support this resolution on behalf

of my constituents and all New

York. Those who wear the uniforms of

firefighters, paramedics, nurses, and

doctors are our soldiers. We will not let

their courage, big heart, and hard work

to rebuild our city amid the rubble be

forgotten.

We are facing a different kind of war

requiring a different kind of response.

We will need more vigilance at home

and more cooperation abroad. Flexibility

and creativity are required to

prevent further assaults. We must be

smarter and faster than our foe.

We support this action because our

cause is just. There is no conceivable

justification for shedding the blood of

innocents. We do not seek vengeance,

for Americans are not a vengeful people.

Americans cherish justice, and

that is what we seek here.

This resolution would allow us to

pursue, prosecute, and punish these

criminals. We do this because civilized

nations prove again and again that terrorists

have no legitimacy among

them.

With the sustained and inalterable

will demonstrated here tonight, and

the cooperation of peace-loving people

around the world, we will prevail. I

strongly support this resolution.